

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-13 are now pending in the application. By this paper, Claims 1, 5, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended and Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Support for the preceding amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings originally filed. No new matter has been added. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rinne (U.S. 2004/0124520 A1).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 10, 12, and 13 to include the identified allowable subject matter of Claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 10, 12, and 13 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants have amended each of independent Claims 1, 10, 12, and 13 to include the identified allowable subject matter of Claim 3 and respectfully submit that each of independent Claims 1, 10, 12, and 13 are in condition for allowance. Because Claims 4-9

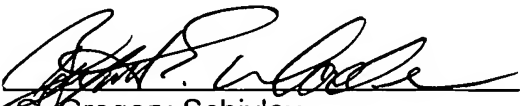
respectfully depend from independent Claims 1, 10, 12, and 13, Claims 4-9 are similarly believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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